



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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H.R. 3796
Adam Walsh Reauthorization Act of 2012
As ordered reported by the House Committee on the Judiciary on July 18, 2012

SUMMARY

H.R. 3796 would authorize the appropriation of about \$69 million annually over the 2013-2017 period mostly for Department of Justice programs to assist state and local governments to manage and track sex offenders. The Congress appropriated about \$20 million for fiscal year 2012 for similar activities.

Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 3796 would cost \$298 million over the 2013-2017 period. Pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply to this legislation because it would not affect direct spending or revenues.

H.R. 3796 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA).

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 3796 is shown in the following table. CBO assumes that the authorized amounts will be appropriated near the start of each fiscal year and that outlays will follow the historical rate of spending for similar activities. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 750 (administration of justice).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2013- 2017

CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION

Authorization Level	69	69	69	69	69	345
Estimated Outlays	42	58	63	66	69	298

PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS: None.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

H.R. 3796 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA. Assuming appropriation of authorized amounts, state, local, and tribal governments would receive about \$77 million of the \$298 million that would be spent over the 2013-2017 period for the treatment and tracking of sex offenders. Any costs to those governments would be incurred voluntarily as a condition of receiving federal assistance.

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